(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether representations from State Governments to strengthen the Doordarshan services have been considered; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) Doordarshan has been assigning priority to expansion of Television coverage in border areas, under various plans formulated from time to time.

A Special Package for expansion of Doordarshan coverage in J&K was approved by the Government in 1999 and as part of the Plan, 90 Transmitter projects have been commissioned in J&K and Punjab. Presently, 281 transmitters out of a total of 1389 TV Transmitters, are functioning in the border areas of the country. For further expansion of TV coverage in border areas of the country, 33 transmitter projects are currently under implementation.

(c) and (d) Representations from various State Governments are received from time to time, which are considered during the formulation of Doordarshan's expansion plans.

Educational Programmes

*319. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh has requested to permit Cable TV operators to receive Ku-Band signals for televising educational programmes; and

(b) if so, the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) and (b) No, Sir. However, the Government of Andhra Pradesh had proposed to utilize the facilities of Doordarshan for transmission of educational and

development content in the State, in collaboration with ISRO and to use Ku-Band network to connect remote stations in Andhra Pradesh. No objection was conveyed to the Govt. of A.P. in March, 2001.

Production of tea and coffee

†*320. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of production of tea and coffee in different States during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government have exported tea and coffee during this period; and

(c) if so, the extent of success achieved to realize the target fixed in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY): (a) Details of State-wise production of tea and coffee during the last three years are as follows:

TEA

(*In million kgs*)

State	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03
Assam	454.89	447.51	438.86
West Bengal	184.23	191.05	192.89
Tamil Nadu	127.77	129.46	132.04
Kerala	66.09	63.71	58.79
Karnataka	5.39	5.63	5.61
Other States in North India	9.99	9.89	9.41
TOTAL	848.36	847.25	837.60

Note: The figures shown above are estimated and subject to revision.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.